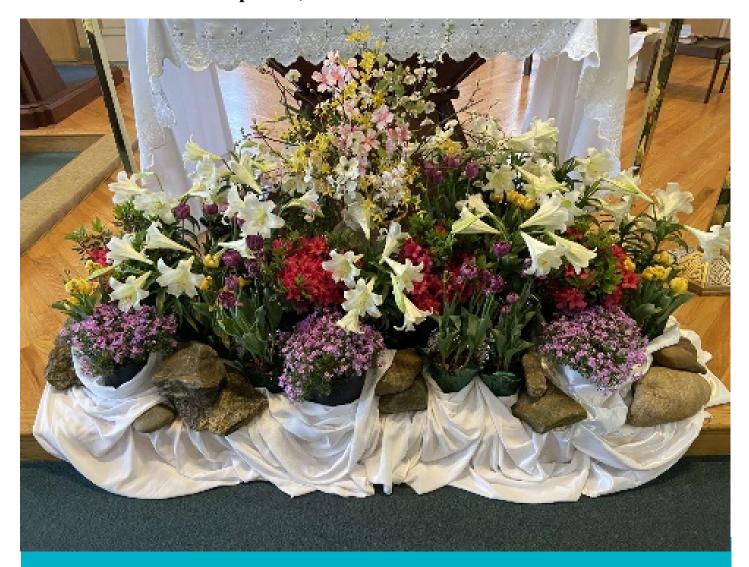
# Saint Mary of the Annunciation

10306 Ladysmith Rd. Ruther Glen VA 22546 April 21, 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter



#### What's happening in the Parish?

- Hot off the presses
- St. Mary Online Schedule
- Religious Education Online
  - Finance Update
  - Spring Cleanup
  - Fire Alarm Testing
  - Parish Digital Platforms

Visit the Parish <u>Website</u> for more . . .

Look who made it into the Catholic Virginian. Fr. Alexander Muddu! Our drive thru Palms event was part of the "New ways of celebrating" article in the April 20th edition.



Fr. Alexander Muddu, pastor of Saint Mary of the Annunciation, Ladysmith, blesses a parishioner picking up palms on Saturday, April 4. More than 60 members of the community took advantage of the opportunity. (Courtesy photo)

# The <u>Website & Calendar</u> are being kept up to date with the latest schedule and information. Please check it for updates and details for Live Streaming and other News.

#### St. Mary Online This Week!

Live Streaming is being offered via the <u>St. Mary Public Facebook</u> page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to watch these events. This week look for the following: Daily: Readings & Homily - Fr. Muddu - St. Mary Flocknote Group Tuesday 7pm - The Rosary (Join Online) Wednesday 10am - FORMED Orientation Religious Education Teachers (Join Online) Thursday 7pm - FORMED Orientation Religious Education Teachers (Join Online) Friday 4pm - FORMED Orientation Religious Education Teachers (Join Online) Sunday 10am - Mass - Live Streamed (Join Online)

### **Religious Education Moving Online!**

To ensure that we are able to complete the Religious Education year, we are moving to an online format for the last few sessions. The instructors are going through an orientation this week and parents are going to be asked to go through an orientation session next week to be able to get onto the platform and access the content. We're making it as simple as possible! We hope everyone will get engaged and support the program. More details coming soon.

#### Thank you for your generosity!

Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated! The latest report on recent collections is below. Father Muddu working with the Finance and Pastoral Councils and Diocese continues to do everything possible to save money and pursue financial support options. We will keep everyone updated on the status.

Please consider contributing your weekly offering through our Online Giving Page.

There have been questions regarding Online Giving and how to give money to the general fund of the parish. Selecting the "Offertory" option designates the sum specified for the general fund. Have questions? Email Sue Brim (<u>sbrim@saintmarycc.org</u>)

	Online Giving		Offertory		Total	
Mar 16 to Mar 22	\$	1,746	\$	290	\$	2,036
March 23 to March 29	\$	1,932	\$	575	\$	2,507
March 30 to April 5	\$	5,212	\$	2,252	\$	7,464
April 6 to April 12	\$	3,364	\$	2,295	\$	5,659



Normally at this time of year we schedule our annual church/rectory yard clean up. Pruning shrubs, cleaning out garden beds, mulching and identifying any other needed maintenance. Due to the current restrictions we're doing it Virtually next weekend (just checking to see if you're reading this section!). Actually, as soon as the Social Distancing requirements are over we will schedule a date for the Clean Spring Up. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Sign up for the <u>FORMED</u> platform and join our Parish Community for fantastic faith-based movies, books and more! A great way to share the faith with your families at home.

There are a lot of resources available through FORMED for kids, teens and adults. Join us for a brief Orientation to answer any of your questions.

#### **FORMED - Netflix for the Faithful**



If you know of someone in the Parish that hasn't subscribed to Flocknote let them know they can sign up via our <u>Website</u>!

#### Fire Alarm System Testing

To comply with insurance requirements, the fire alarm system is tested and examined every year. This week Fire Protection Equipment Company performed the evaluation of our systems and found no problems. All the systems are working as required and all the Fire extinguishers are charged for another year.

## Prayers for the Sick

Please feel free to reply to this Flocknote to add or remove anyone from this list.

Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, Kevin Bera, The Biddulph Family, Maria Bridge, Daniel Clarke, Cindy Cook, Brandon Dineff, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, The Matekenya Family, Patrick Moore, Sam O'Shea, Donald Paradis, Marianna Porter, Mary Ann Pressman, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Faye Spartz, Mary Stella Summers, Scott Trice, Richard Wassels, Joan Williams

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

God Bless!